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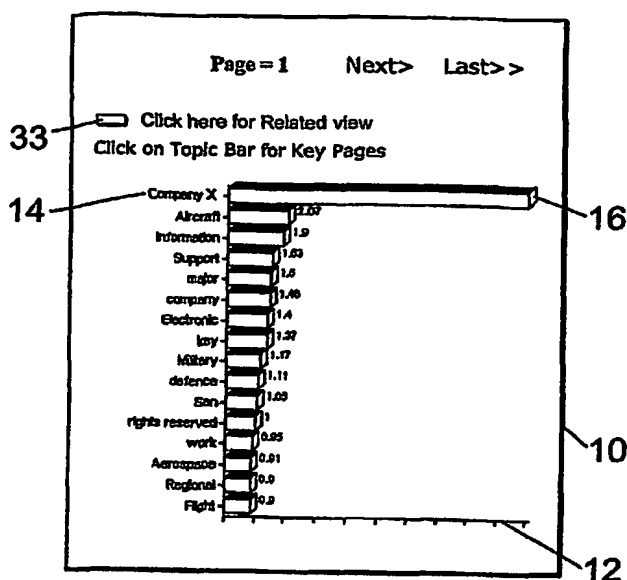
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such as on internet or in an intranet site or such like, the guide  
being operable automatically to present a plurality of topic  
identifiers (14) together with an indication (16) of the impor-  
tance of the topics identified within a site. Each topic (14,16)  
is user selectable. Selection of a given topic (14,16) provides  
access to information on that topic. Preferably, the guide (10)  
also provides information about multiple sites that are poten-  
tially related by content as well as an indication of a degree  
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1. claims: 1-16

System and Method to display topics of a group of documents  
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2. claims: 17-28

Method and system of indentifying differences between groups of documents.  
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3. claims: 29-37

Method and system of navigating between groups of document  
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4. claims: 38-49

Method and system of determining and scoring topics in a group of documents.  
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